

Study of Pollution on WRC

By Lawrence Laurent

PREVIEW: Washington's recently acquired rank as the Nation's fourth worst city for air pollution gives particular importance to a good documentary that is scheduled for Monday (8:30 p.m. Color, Channel 4). This is "Beware the Wind."

The program was produced by the George Washington University Airlie Center and is being telecast in cooperation with the Medical Society of the District of Columbia.

I saw the film recently at a special screening in the U.S. Senate Auditorium. Hosts for the preview were Sens. Lister Hill (D-Ala.), Edmund S. Muskie (D-Me.), John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.) and Jennings Randolph (D-W. Va.).

The audience of Government officials, reporters and broadcasters applauded enthusiastically after the film ended.

We have had several documentary programs on air pollution in recent months, but none so effective as "Beware the Wind."

One reason for its effectiveness is the insistence of producer Murdock Head that viewers be able to "see" air pollution and its effects; not merely to be "told" about them. Writer William Templeton, a veteran playwright for TV ("Studio One," "Philco-Goodyear Playhouse"), motion

pictures and the theater, kept the narration lean and spare.

Actor Robert Preston is the narrator, but he doesn't introduce himself by name and one might be puzzled about the identity of the owner of the husky, familiar voice. His low key narration includes a plan for attacking air pollution problems, praising in particular the effective work done in the city of Chicago.

After the film, Dr. Head will be the moderator for a panel discussion. He is

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chairman of the local medical society's Air Pollution Committee. Participants in the discussion are Sen. Muskie and Dr. Robert J. Coffey, president of the D.C. Medical Society.

The film will be made available to TV stations, along with professional and civic groups, across the United States.

VIC DAMONE will host a summer replacement for "The Dean Martin Show." Featured regulars will be singer-dancer Carol Lawrence and Martin's singing daughter, Gail... Chuck Connors, who has been "The Rifleman" and "Branded," will become a "Cowboy in Africa" next season (ABC-TV)... Vice

President Humphrey visits "Issues & Answers" today (Channel 7)... The Navy has promoted Jackie Cooper to a full Commander. The onetime child star is now West Coast Production Vice President of Screen Gems... ABC-TV gets a new daytime schedule, April 3. New programs include "Dateline Hollywood," "One in a Million" and re-runs of "The Fugitive."... Lee Marvin, a onetime Marine, insisted that the fee he earned for narrating Tuesday's "Our Time in Hell" be given to the Marine Corps' Civil Action Fund. The Fund is used for civilian rehabilitation in Vietnam. The show was produced and directed by Laurence Mascott, who turned out the superb "The Brave Rifles" for "ABC Stage 67."



D. C. STUDIOS

By BONNIE AIKMAN

Shades of sulfur dioxide! WRC-4 and George Washington University's Airlie Center near Warrenton, Virginia, have come up with a top show-business personality to highlight a special documentary on the nagging, gagging problem of air pollution.

Stage star Robert Preston (currently of Broadway's "I Do, I Do,") will narrate "Beware the Wind," a program set for 8:30 p.m. tomorrow emphasizing the international aspects of the dilemma through films of the effects of air pollution from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Venice, Italy. Aerial photographs of America showing thick blankets of pollution will also be on view.

A discussion of air pollution in

TV Scrutinizes Air Pollution, Crime...

Washington, the extremities of which were painfully pinpointed earlier this month by the Public Health Service's Dr. John Middleton, will follow the filmed portion of the color special.

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MEANWHILE CRIME: Another local aspect of a second national blight will come under scrutiny in a Channel 9 documentary at 10 p.m. Tuesday.

"WTOP Reports: The Crime Wave," will look into the rising District crime rate through the comments and criticisms of typical citizens, including businessmen who have had first-hand experience with the problem to the point of closing their establishments. Dave Campbell will narrate.